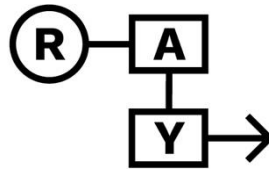




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RAY TRIANGULAR SUMMIT

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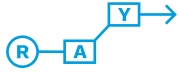
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Dear participant of the RAY Triangular Summit,

thank you for your interest in the RAY Triangular Summit which will take place from the 22nd of May to the 24th of May 2024 in Helsinki, Finland. We are happy to welcome you to the Summit as part of your respective national delegation.

1. CONTEXT

The RAY Triangular Summit is co-hosted by the National Agencies of the European youth programmes from Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Sweden. The RAY Network Coordination (at the Finnish National Agency) leads and coordinates the preparation process and the implementation of the Summit in cooperation with the RAY transnational research team.

1.1. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The RAY Triangular Summit will bring policy, practice and research together to discuss the evidence-based research from the latest RAY Monitoring surveys for Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps. The Summit aims to foster an informed discourse between stakeholders from different fields and explore how the evidence-based research can contribute to youth work practice and to youth policy development in Europe, to relevant strategies, as well as the further development of the European youth programmes and their mid-term evaluations. Finally, this Summit aims to illustrate the impact and showcase the outcomes of the European youth programmes.

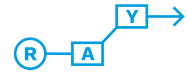
2. CONFERENCE MODALITIES

2.1. REGISTRATION FORM

In order to be able to plan your/our conference experience in the most comfortable and inclusive way we kindly ask you to **fill in the following registration form by 3 April at the latest: <https://www.researchyouth.net/registration-ray-triangular-summit-2024/>**.

2.2. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

We recommend an arrival on the 22nd of May during the afternoon hours. We invite you to a welcoming dinner on the 22nd of May at 19:00 (local time). The official programme begins on the 23rd of May at 09:00 and ends on the 24th of May at 16:00.



2.3. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Please proceed with making your travel arrangements. Contact your respective National Agency in order to learn more about the overall procedure to arrange the booking of your travel tickets and the reimbursement of your travel expenses.

2.4. VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The meeting takes place in Clarion Hotel, Tyynenmerenkatu 200220 Helsinki (<https://www.strawberryhotels.com/hotels/finland/helsinki/clarion-hotel-helsinki/>) .

We will organise the accommodation (according to the information you are going to indicate in the registration form) for you. All participants will be accommodated in single rooms in Clarion Hotel.

2.5. RELATED COSTS

As a rule, the host and the co-hosts cover the costs for board and lodging for two nights (22nd and 23rd). In case your travel itinerary requires an additional third night on 24th, please get in touch with us and we try to arrange a third night. Any other additional nights need to be paid from own expenses.

Please note: If, in an exceptional case, you need to cancel on short notice due to sickness or another kind of force majeure, we need to be informed about it immediately due to logistical and organisational demands.

National Agencies and other stakeholders, if agreed

Colleagues from National Agencies (and other participants/stakeholders e.g. ministry employees, if agreed) need to cover their costs for board and lodging from own resources. We will pre-pay these costs and will send you respective invoices after the conference.

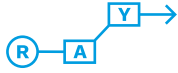
The fee for two nights is approximately 500 Euro and for three nights approximately 660 Euro.

2.6. SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

In our activities, we support the principle of safer space, where no one is discriminated or bullied because of their background or person. We want you to respect the same principle.

Our activities are accessible for people with disabilities. If you need a support person, accessible room and transport or supporting tools, we will provide it for you. Please let us know about your needs as soon as possible.

We take sustainability in consideration where we can. Since most participants have to fly to Finland, we encourage you to travel on land within Finland. We also encourage you to contact your own National Agency to find out how they support low emission travelling to activities abroad.



3. PROGRAMME RELATED INFORMATION

3.1. SHORT PROGRAMME

Enclosed you can find the programme overview. Please note, that it is subject to change.

3.2. NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

National Agencies of the European youth programmes were responsible for proposing their national delegations. Additionally, European stakeholders have been invited centrally.

120 participants from the practice, policy and research field from local, national and European level have been selected by the National Agencies and the organisers for the RAY Triangular Summit.

What is your role as national delegation and how can you prepare beforehand? We advise you

- to connect with the other members of your national delegation and set up meeting(s) beforehand
- discuss and prepare specifics of your national context when it comes to the implementation and the impact of the European youth programmes, keeping in mind the perspectives from practice, policy and research
- discuss expectations and what you want to take with you from the event (individually and as a delegation)

We strongly recommend that the National Agencies take the lead roles in preparing the national delegations.

Preparatory and background material

We will send you further preparatory material nearer to the event, for now please find the following documents enclosed which can support you with your preparation:

- Short introduction of the RAY Network and its activities
- Initial key findings from the analysis of the most recent RAY Monitoring surveys, as well as selected key findings across the thematic research projects
- In case you are not that familiar with the European youth programmes, please get in touch with your National Agency as well as check out the following links:

>> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0817&from=EN>¹

>> [Erasmus+ programme](#)

>> [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)

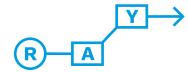
>> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0888&from=EN>²

>> [European Solidarity Corps](#)

>> [European Solidarity Corps Guide](#)

¹ REGULATION (EU) 2021/817 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 20 May 2021 establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013

² REGULATION (EU) 2021/888 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 20 May 2021 establishing the European Solidarity Corps Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) 2018/1475 and (EU) No 375/2014



4. WHAT'S NEXT

YOU WILL RECEIVE...

... **a second info package on 7 May**, including further organisational and practical details as well as additional information about the programme, related sessions and preparatory material.

DON'T FORGET...

... **to fill in the registration form until 3 April**

... to arrange your travel and get in contact with your respective National Agency

If you need any further information in the meantime or in case of questions, please contact Carmen Teubl-Kiviniemi, carmen.teubl-kiviniemi@oph.fi (Project Manager, RAY Network Coordination) and Susanne Karppinen, susanne.karppinen@oph.fi (Coordinator, RAY Network Coordination).

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE SUMMIT!

Warm wishes,

RAY Network Coordination & Facilitation Team

on behalf of the hosting and co-hosting National Agencies, RAY transnational research team as well as the preparation team